

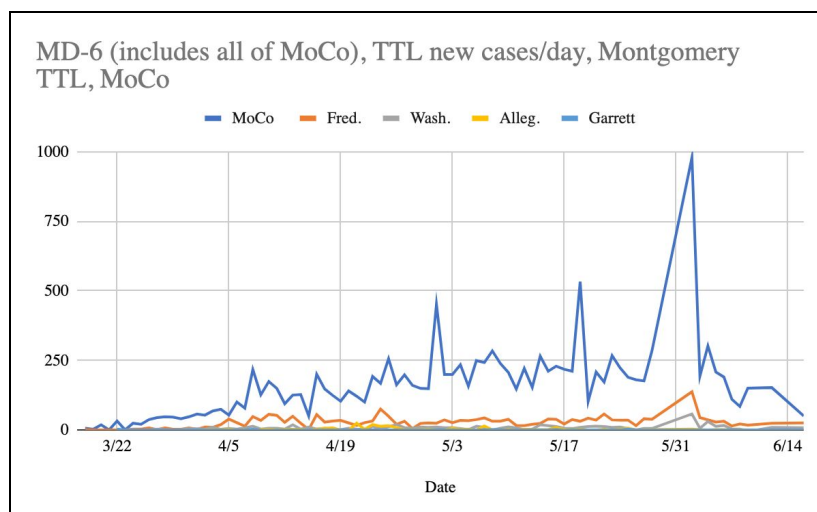
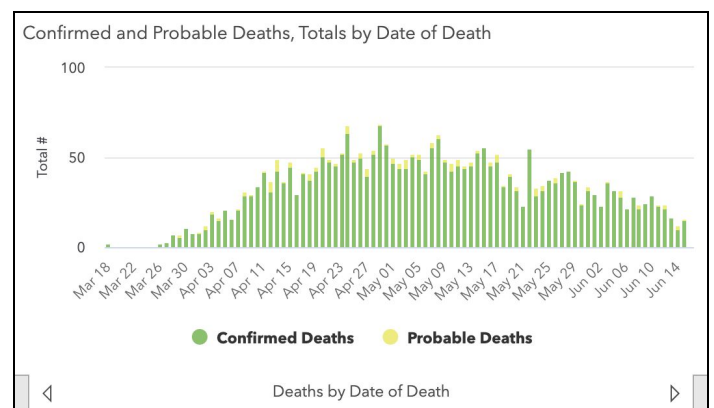
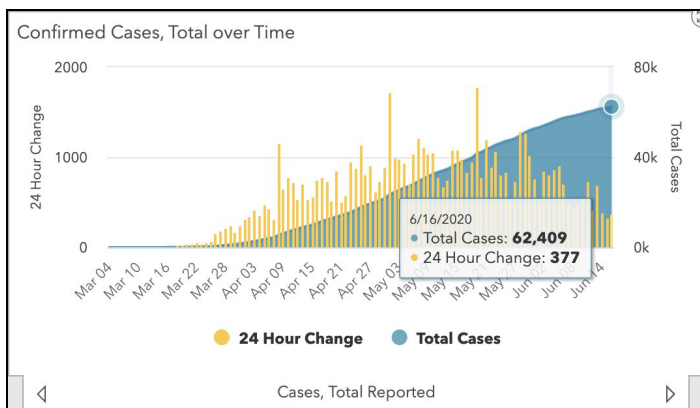
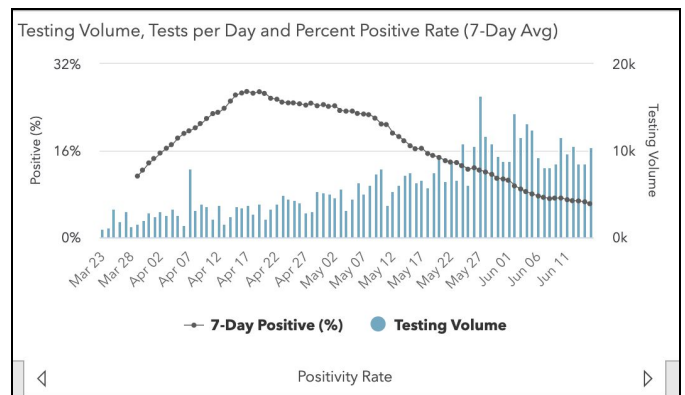
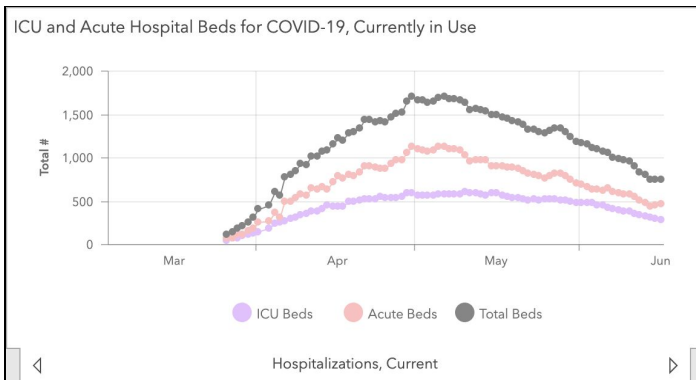
Coronavirus Update: June 16th

Congressman David Trone (MD-06)

Stats @ June 16, 1:30 pm

Governor Larry Hogan has decided to loosen social distancing measures over the next few weeks, allowing indoor dining, outdoor amusements, indoor gyms, casinos and malls to resume operations with restrictions over the next couple of weeks. Gov. Hogan has given local governments flexibility for reopening decisions, based on local conditions. Most of the charts below are from the state's [coronavirus](#) website.

MARYLAND DATA



[Total cases reported](#): MoCo 13,657, Fred 2,298, Wash 579, Alleg 187, Garrett 10. MD: 60,613, MD deaths: 2,900. As of 1:30 PM, the U.S. had recorded 2,159,787 confirmed cases and 117,893 deaths due to Coronavirus ([JHU](#)).

Federal Updates

- Models are predicting that the United States could see more than 200,000 deaths from COVID-19 by October 1, as states continue to reopen. Although daily death rates are expected to drop in June and July, the model forecasts the second wave of deaths through September, culminating in 201,129 by October 1. ([CNN](#))
- Researchers in the UK say they have initial evidence supporting that the drug dexamethasone can improve COVID-19 survival. It reportedly reduced deaths by up to one third in severely ill hospitalized patients. ([AP](#))
- A number of states in the Sun Belt such as Texas, Arizona, and Florida are reporting record high cases of COVID-19. This could be contributed to a failure to contain the spread of the virus brought by the reopening of those states. ([NYT](#))
- An analysis of over a million coronavirus cases in the US completed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirms that the disease disproportionately affects communities of color. It found that 22% of US patients are Black and 33% are Hispanic. Black and Hispanic communities respectively make up 13% and 18% of the US population. ([Forbes](#))

Maryland Updates

- Hospitalizations related to COVID-19 fell for the 18th consecutive day across Maryland. As of Monday, June 15, there were 745 residents in the hospital due to the coronavirus. That is six fewer than the number reported a day earlier and 224 fewer than reported at the same time the previous week. ([Frederick News-Post](#))

District Updates

- Montgomery County
 - a. Tuesday morning the Maryland Department of Health reported 13,709 cases of COVID-19 in Montgomery County, which is a 0.4% increase from the 13,657 cases reported Monday. Since the first case in March, 658 county residents have died from COVID-19. This is an increase of three deaths since Monday, according to the health department. The number of probable deaths is 40. Montgomery County has seen more deaths due to COVID-19 than any other jurisdiction in the state. Prince George's has lost 619 residents, the second-highest number in the state.
 - b. Montgomery County announced that Phase 2 of reopening will begin this Friday, June 19 at 5 p.m. This next step includes indoor retail services and restaurant seating, and childcare services with restrictions.
 - c. Ultracare Pharmacy in Germantown is offering COVID-19 testing free of charge. People who believe they may have been exposed to the virus can go to www.doineedacovid19test.com, select Ultracare Health Mart Pharmacy# 3, Germantown, and register for an appointment time. They are open for testing on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. When patients arrive for their test, they can call the pharmacy and someone will come out to administer it. The pharmacy says that patients must bring their printed test voucher with them in order to be tested.
- Frederick County
 - a. Del. Dan Cox has filed for an injunction with the regions' second-highest federal court, asking the court to lift restrictions on churches, businesses, and other organizations impacted by Gov. Larry Hogan's executive orders during the coronavirus pandemic in Maryland. Cox (R-Frederick and

Carroll) is joined by multiple state religious leaders, fellow delegates Neil Parrott (R-Washington) and Warren Miller (R-Carroll and Howard), Adventure Park USA near New Market, and several other plaintiffs in the case against Hogan's office, Attorney General Brian Frosh and others. The case was filed last week in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

- b. COVID-19 hospitalizations in both the state and county appear to be continually decreasing. In Frederick County, 22 additional COVID-19 cases were confirmed between Saturday and Sunday, bringing the total to 2,273, according to the Frederick County Health Department website.

- Washington County

- a. Washington County Health Officer Earl Stoner said this week the county health department is gathering information so it can disburse grants to local public health organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. In late April, the county learned it would receive almost \$26.4 million as part of CARES Act funding.
- b. Meritus Health is "loaded" to deal with a potential surge of COVID-19 patients, a physician said last week. With no cure and no vaccine for COVID-19, Dr. Shaheen Iqbal said, people's choices such as maintaining social distancing, wearing masks and washing hands, remain the critical factors in avoiding a surge of the disease. "The behavior controls the outbreak," he said. Iqbal is the interim chief medical officer at Meritus Health.

- Allegany County

- a. Frostburg State University will start its fall semester in August after closing the campus in spring in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. All residence hall rooms will be singles and classes will be adjusted to provide more flexibility and distancing options. Plans are contingent upon state and local public health conditions and state health guidelines.

- Garrett County

- a. Governor Larry Hogan's Executive Order from June 10 removed many of the restrictions placed on businesses and gatherings. However, the Governor's order kept in place the requirement for the use of face coverings in retail, food service, and personal care businesses for both staff and customers. "Basically, although many restrictions have been eased, the requirement to wear masks and maintain social distancing is still in place," said Garrett County Health Officer Bob Stephens. "These measures are necessary to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the community as we begin to have more contact and events."